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Applicants: Mondragon-Parra et al.)
Serial No.: 10/730,309) Group Art Unit: 3679
Filed: December 8, 2003) Examiner: Dunwoody, Aaron M.
Title: CROSS-STRAIGHT GROOVE JOINT) Confirmation No.: 2196
Attorney Docket No.: DP-309838)

STATEMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Interview Summary dated September 29, 2006, concerning the telephonic interview had between the examiner and the undersigned on September 27, 2006, Applicants submit this statement of the substance of that interview in accordance with MPEP 713.04. In that interview no agreement was reached between the examiner and Applicants.

Responsive to the Request for Reconsideration filed September 19, 2006, the examiner initiated the September 27, 2006, interview with the undersigned, stating that the arguments presented by the Applicants do not overcome the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action dated September 14, 2006.

The undersigned submitted to the examiner that the final rejection of dependent Claims 2 and 22 under 35 USC §102(b) over US Pat. No. 4,678,453 (Aucktor et al.) in view of the allowance of independent Claim 1 (from which they depend) was improper, as explained in the Request for Reconsideration, and requested that the rejections of Claims 2 and 22 be withdrawn and the application allowed.

The examiner then stated that all claims (including those indicated as being allowed in the Final Office Action) were rejected over the prior art of record. The undersigned disagreed with the examiner's position, contending that the claimed orientation and placement of the grooves were clearly distinguishable over the teachings of the prior art. The examiner maintained that all claims were being rejected over the prior art, and the

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undersigned acknowledged the examiner's position (albeit now different from that indicated in the Final Office Action—all claims are now supposedly rejected, not just dependent claims 2 and 22), and mentioned that the Final Rejection would be appealed.

Should there be any questions regarding any of the above, the examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 813-1250. In the event that Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, payment of fee, or payment of additional amount of fee, Applicants hereby petition therefor and authorize that any charges, or credit for any overpayment, be made to Deposit Account No. 50-0831, Delphi Technologies, Inc.

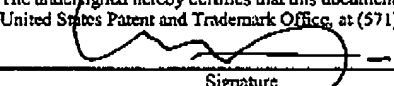
Respectfully submitted,



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